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C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 15897

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, UK, FR, GE, WB

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF ALLIED BERLIN PERSONNEL IN GDR

1. AT OCTOBER 30 TRIPARTITE MEETING, FRENCH REP (PAYE) MADE STRONG PROPOSAL FOR THREE ALLIES IN BONN TO EXAMINE TRAVEL POLICIES EAC- HAS INSTITUTED OR, IN THE US CASE, WOULD INSTITUTE REGARDING TRAVEL OF WEST BERLIN MISSION PERSONNEL IN THE GDR. PAYE SAID HIS AUTHORITIES BELIEVE DIFFERING POLICIES OUGHT TO BE AVOIDED BY THREE ALLIES. HE SAID THAT ALLIES SHOULD PARTICULARLY AVOID MIXING PRACTICES ON ACCESS TO BERLIN, WHERE ONLY ALLIED CONTACT WAS WITH RUSSIANS, AND THOSE ON TRAVEL IN GDR, WHERE CONTACT WAS WITH GDR OFFICIALS. THE FRENCH POSITION IS, HE SAID, THAT ENTIRE QUESTION SHOULD BE DISCUSSED BY ALLIED REPS IN BONN WITH VIEW TO PROVIDING THREE BERLIN MISSIONS WITH CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS.

2. AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION IN WHICH BACKGROUND OF
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SUBJECT, INCLUDING PARIS MEETINGS AND ATTEMPT LAST

SPRING TO REACH AGREEMENT, WAS COVERED, FRENCH FINALLY AGREED TO ACCEPT COMPROMISE PROPOSAL THAT BERLIN MISSION WOULD BE ASKED TO COMPLETE AND FORWARD TO EMBASSIES BY END OF NOVEMBER, IF POSSIBLE, A STUDY OF PRESENT TRAVEL PRACTICES OF THREE MISSIONS AND TWO EMBASSIES AND COMMENT ON POSSIBILITIES FOR BRINGING PRACTICES INTO CONFORMITY. THE ALLIES IN BONN WOULD, ON THE BASIS OF THIS INFORMATION, THEN DECIDE HOW TO PROCEED.

3. COMMENT: THE EMBASSY REALIZES THAT USBER INPUT WILL BE LIMITED BY FACT THAT WE HAVE NO EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN, AND EXCEPTING LEIPZIG FAIR TRAVEL, WE PERMIT NO GDR TRAVEL BY OUR MISSION PERSONNEL. BECAUSE OF VERY STRONG FRENCH FEELINGS ON SUBJECT, AND BECAUSE SOME USEFUL PURPOSE MAY VERY WELL BE SERVED BY NEW ALLIED LOOK AT SITUATION NOW, SOME SIX MONTHS AFTER LAST GO AROUND, EMBASSY AGREED TO COMPROMISE MENTIONED ABOVE. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE US SIDE SHOULD AVOID ANY TRAVEL POLICIES THAT WOULD BE OVERLY RESTRICTIVE. WE WOULD FAVOR A PRAGMATIC APPROACH, ON THE UNDERSTANDING OF COURSE THAT WE WOULD AVOID ANY TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS THAT COULD TOUCH ON BASIC ALLIED POSITIONS OR PRACTICES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL FOR USBER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROPOSED TRIPARTITE STUDY.
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